

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Mr. Mortimer B. Zuckerman
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Dear Mr. Zuckerman,

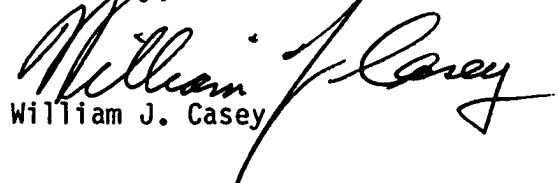
Following up on my letter of 12 June, there is another implication in the U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT issue of 16 June 1986 on which I would like to straighten the record.

Your story has critics saying that I "violated the spirit of post-Watergate reforms." That's fair enough. But it's not irrelevant that the Congress and the Carter Administration in enacting legislation to establish those reforms decided not to require a blind trust. Instead they made disclosure of transactions the appropriate public protection against misuse of information and conflict of interest. The required disclosures were fully and assiduously made.

When I went to the CIA I was advised by its General Counsel and its designated ethics official as follows: "There is no need for you to make any adjustments regarding your ownership of any securities or assets you now own and the Office of Government Ethics concurs in this view. In fact, there are no considerations dictated by your position as DCI which would bear on your decision whether to place your holdings under some kind of trust arrangement."

I would appreciate it if you would add this important point also to anything done to clarify all this for your readers and your records.

Sincerely,


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cc: Mr. David Gergen